

KING CITY, OAK RIDGES LAKE WILCOX

Community Life In King City Area

"The Liberal" is always pleased to publish items of interest regarding people and events in the Oak Ridges - Lake Wilcox and King City districts. Our news correspondent in Oak Ridges - Lake Wilcox is Keith Munro, Wilcox Avenue, 773-4409; in King City Norman Matthews, 832-1579.

Women's Institute

The King WI held its Christmas Meeting December 14 at the home of Mrs. Warren McKendry, Hambley Avenue. They had a roll call of Christmas Traditions.

One member recalled leaving a pillow case instead of the customary stocking for Santa to fill. Another sang Christmas Carols with her family after decorating the tree. And still another spoke of the Swedish custom of celebrating from December 13 onward with the arrival of Santa Lucia on the twelfth day of the festivities. Money in the Christmas Pudding was yet another tradition.

Guest speaker for the meeting was Mrs. Abraham Binendy who spoke of and displayed a collection of wrought iron lanterns, candle holders, and small tables. A lot of fun was had playing a game of scrambled carols.

It was decided to send gifts to the Daybreak Centre in Richmond Hill. It was also noted that a film on the work of Daybreak would be shown on the program of "Man Alive" December 30, and that Superintendent Steve Newthro, would be the guest speaker at the February meeting of the WI. Christmas goodies, tea and coffee were served at the meeting's close.

Church News
An old-fashioned type Sunday school concert was held at the United Church on December 10 at 7:30 pm. About 90 people attended in spite of a terrible rainstorm. Rev. Norman Gibson welcomed everyone and turned the evening over to Master of Ceremonies Art Johnson. Sunday school Superintendent Glen Ferguson gave a brief speech and Mrs. Rena Gordon (pianist for the evening) presented Mr. Johnson with the profits from the recent silver band community concert.

The nursery department children, dressed in housecoats and slippers, hung stockings on a stage fireplace. The young people's band played several carols under the leadership of Charles McPhee.

The kindergarten department presented "The Children's Christmas Message" with each child coming out on the stage with a red cut-out letter, speaking at the microphone and then joining others to form a line spelling "Merry Christmas." A touch of humor was added by one girl who held her "K" backwards throughout the skit. Once assembled in a line, they sang "We Wish You A Merry Christmas."

The primary department presented "A Christmas Story In Song" with three boys and 17 girls dressed in white surplises, while a pageant in costume was enacted. Narrator for this skit was Mrs. Connie Haines, Jack Parsons led a carol singing and Rev. Gibson acted as a gardener on his head.

The junior department presented "Grandmother's Day" giving us a glimpse at a Christmas of yesteryear, to the music of "Long, Long Ago." The grandmothers, in their rocking chairs, were Sandra Cleland.

"The Fortnight Before Christmas" was presented by the intermediate department, giving us a view of what it would be like if people were replaced with automation. Santa, Donald Munro, was portrayed as a "swinging" sort, a member of weightwatchers, saying such phrases as "cool, brother cool!" The elves marched around the stage protesting the use of a computer to make toys, and a reindeer who's been fired... replaced by a snowmobile... joined the "women's lib." Things became fouled up when Santa's computer breaks down and spits out fragments of toys across the stage. The elves come to the rescue and come back to work and everyone is happier for it. Other members of the cast for the skit included: Gordon Cook, the computer; Sandra Feindell, the news interviewer; and Nancy Branton as a "Chatty Cathy Doll."

child attending the services over Christmas time may come up and see the Nativity scene. On Christmas Day, a family service and Holy Communion will be held at 10:30 am, and December 26 at 10:30 am, morning prayer. A reminder from the rector that there will be no Wednesday service December 29.

Yuletide Bazaar
The King City Co-Operative Nursery School held a bazaar at the United Church Dec. 11, convened by Mrs. Harold Hyland. Door prizes were provided by King City IGA, King City Salon, House of Wayne, Oak Ridges, Edwards Drug Store, King, and Gallagher's Grocery Store. Materials were provided by King City Hardware, Ardill's Department Store, Aurora; King City Bakery, and Cashway Lumber, Oak Ridges. Prize winners were Janet Kennedy with a fruit basket from Gallagher's, Mrs. Nind with a \$10 turkey voucher from the IGA, Wence Barton, Mrs. K. MacDonald, Mrs. Maggiora, Mrs. Tessier, Mrs. Mary Dumetz, Mrs. Lendrum, Mrs. Betty Pedersen, Mrs. Sheila Gault, Mrs. Haine, Mrs. Blythe, and Mrs. Betty Crompton of Scarborough. Many of these winners were not from the King City area, but had made a point of coming to the fair. Total profit after expenses amounted to \$594 which will be used to sponsor children who would otherwise not have the opportunity to attend nursery school.

At The Library
Duo de Berry lived again as the Saturday morning program at King City Library held a "Children's Christmas Mummery" December 11. It began with an orchestra of young talent playing "Deck The Halls," followed by a story-telling session by Chief Librarian Bernice Ellis. Mrs. Ellis' talk was about the paintings which have been on display these past few weeks, and of the adventures of the people involved. About 40 children and seven adults attended.

While the music of Medieval English carols (Decca record DL-79418) played in the background, a group of young people put on a Christmas Pageant in costume. Then as the play progressed, the orchestra played various carols with the children joining in song.

The cast of the pageant included Margaret de Boer, shepherd; Maureen Ormsby, first king; Sandra Ormsby, second king; Kathy Cheeseman, shepherd; Ginny Atkin, second king; Brian Metagaart, third king; Brian Vegus, shepherd; Laurie Bracken and Karen Bracken as pages; Sue Skerratt, Joseph; and Penny Seymour as Mary, dressed in a golden gown.

The orchestra, (calling themselves the King City United Church Band), consisted of: Charles McPhee, conductor; Virginia Arnott, trumpet; Clayton Chapman, trumpet; Carolyn Scott, alto sax; Sandra Kirby, tenor sax; Mary Glass and Gloria Guimond, flutes; Janet Love, Jennifer Murray, Edith Davidson and Julie Cruickshank, clarinets; Jim McWilliam, French horn; Frank Unterlander, bass; Ross McPhee, bells; and Joanne Hadwen, piano.

Book Review
Brian Wildsmith's illustrated Bible Stories, as told by Philip Turner, and published by Franklin Watts, Inc., New York, would seem to be an ideal choice of book to review at Christmas time. The book, 135 pages in all, is written in modern day language and starts on the creation itself in a chapter entitled "God Made Everything" with a solid black page on one side and a modernistic burst of light on the other. Divided into two main sections, the Old and New Testaments, the latter begins with a subject close to our minds this weekend, "The Birth of Jesus." Referring to the shepherds in the field, Philip Turner says "They were guarding their flocks from wolves under a frosty sky where the stars were like a million holes in blue velvet." The colorful drawings of Wildsmith which illustrate the story of Christ show imagination of thought and realism of the artist. (Laurier reference J-220.95-TUR.)

Equine Highlight
The last event in a series of schooling shows was held December 12 at High Ridges Farm in King (Dufferin Street, Aurora Sideroad) owned by Mimi Oelbaum and managed by Joseph and Valerie Ashenbush. Although there was a smaller turnout than usual, a very successful day was spent concluding with the championships for the season being awarded. A very able job was done by their judge, Miss Penn Lang of Elderberry Hill Farms, and everyone seemed well satisfied with the results.

The series ran from mid-June to mid-December with competition quite keen throughout the event. Managers for the shows have spoken very highly of their judges who they say have done a commendable job: so thanks to Miss Rita Jefferies of Leitchcroft Stables; Mrs. Di Regendanz of The Riding Centre; Saddle Club; Miss Ad-

rienne Green of Sunnybrook Stables; Miss Susan Scott; Robert Liebrecht of Thornlea Farm; Mr. Norman Tuckey of Nobleton; and Miss Penny Lang of Elderberry Hill Farms.

A new series of winter schooling shows will start on January 16 and will continue the 3rd Sunday of each month until May, the last event being held May 21. The shows will be held indoors until the weather becomes a little more cooperative.

The following are the results of the December 12 show, as well as the championships for the season.
Pleasure Hack: Finest Hour, owned and ridden by David Shorthill; Tom Jones, owned and ridden by Sue Beaumont; War Chief, owned and ridden by Helen Ross; Sunny Sunday, owned and ridden by Patsy Adolph.

Hunter Hack: Finest Hour, David Shorthill; Tom Jones, Sue Beaumont; Hemp, ridden by K. Deuschmann, owned by Mr. Pearson; Shoshawna, owned and ridden by Wendy Agnew.

Green Jumper: Mother of Mine, owned and ridden by Bill Crean; Maiden Canada, owned and ridden by Bill Crean; Empress Octavia, owned and ridden by Anne Sinkewicz; The Baron, owned and ridden by Patsy Adolph.

Green Working Hunter: Shoshawna, Wendy Agnew; Finest Hour, David Shorthill; Maiden Canada, Bill Crean; Winged Victory, ridden by D. Zerajic, owned by Peter Walters.

Handy Working Hunter: Shoshawna, Wendy Agnew; Winged Victory, D. Zerajic, Peter Walters; Joe Blow, ridden by Sally McNab, owned by Janet Payne; Finest Hour, David Shorthill.

Open Equitation: Purdy Concho, ridden by Linda Storey, owned by Colony Stables; Untouchable, ridden by Debbie McLellan, owned by Colony Stables; Sir Walter, ridden by Joan Clark, owned by Colony Stables; Nimrod, owned and ridden by Anne Lawson.

Working Hunter Stake: Finest Hour, David Shorthill; Shoshawna, Wendy Agnew; Winged Victory, D. Zerajic, Peter Walters.

Working Hunter Under Saddle: War Chief, Helen Ross; Sir Walter, Joan Clark, Colony Stables; Untouchable, Debbie McLellan, Colony Stables; Sunny Sunday, Patsy Adolph.

Jumper Stake: Kelly, ridden by Gord Sutcliffe, owned by Norman Sutcliffe; Winged Victory, D. Zerajic, Peter Walters.

The championships for the season were awarded as follows: **Champion Hack** - War Chief, owned and ridden by Helen Ross. Trophy donated by Kellecroft Harness, Kettleby.

Champion Hunter - Winged Victory, owned by Peter Walters, ridden by Mary Ann Schlipso and Dr. D. Zerajic. Trophy donated by Mr. John Wright of Rob Roy Farm, Garden Hill.

Champion Jumper - Empress Octavia, owned and ridden by Anne Sinkewicz. Trophy donated by Miss Mimmi Oelbaum of High Ridges Farm, King.

King Youth On Trip
John Bamford, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Bamford of King City, left on December 12 for Lancashire, England where he will spend Christmas with his grandparents. He will then go to Berlin for New Year's Eve, and on to Austria and Greece before heading south to his home of 20 years ago in Durban, South Africa. Durban is in Natal area just south of Zululand, on the shore of the Indian Ocean. The Bamfords settled in Richmond Hill when they arrived from South Africa in 1952, and came to King City in 1958. John was a Queen Scout (Richmond Hill and King Scouts) and attended Aurora High and King High, where he completed grade 13. Until leaving on this fascinating adventure, John was in the employ of Bell Telephone. The Bamfords spent three years in South Africa, and John was only five years old when they left, so it is doubtful if he will remember anything of life there. John will spend six months in Rhodesia with his uncle, Neville Bamford who will greet him at Salisbury Airport on arrival from Frankfurt, Germany.

The program was divided into five parts, the first consisting of a Christmas Round; Put Your Hand In The Hand, with soloists Lorne Newton and Kim Maggiacomo; Twelve Days Of Christmas, which brought abundant laughter with the performance of a young boy who sang "and a partridge in a pear tree" and "We Wish You A Merry Christmas. Part one was by the Kinghorn Campus, grades 3, 4, 5, and 6.

The second part contained Pray, God Bless; I Saw Three Ships, with soloists Joey Houlton and Peter Orr; and Rocking (a Polish Carol); all by Dennis Campus.

Next was unaccompanied "Choral Speaking" by Dennis Campus. This included Santa Claus and The Mouse, and A Little Child's Complaint. The latter was a child's lament that he couldn't eat everything he sees at Christmas time, and his wish was that "Santa should bring a stomach that would stretch, stretch, and stretch!"

Part IV was very well performed with about 100 young voices singing in The Bleak Mid-Winter; We All Pull The Load, a folk song by Billy Graham; and The Big Pipe Carol; by Patton Campus, grades 5 and 6.

Last but not least, Patton Campus, grades 5 and 6 sang "Bring Back The Love" which got off to a bad start but finished great; Shepherds and The Star with soloists Anthony Rizzo, Andy Paule and Craig Atkins; and Sahajiva.

To finish off the evening the combined choir of approximately 180 voices, and young musicians including ten playing recorders and six on percussion instruments accompanied the audience as it sang a verse of O Little Town Of Bethlehem. Joy To The World, and Silent Night. Miss Cathy Cassel, musical director for the King area schools, did a tremendous job and provided a real enjoyable evening. I'm sure that many parents were mighty proud as they watched their young people perform in front of such a large audience. Miss Cassel was presented with a nosegay of flowers by the students at the conclusion.

39's Celebrate
Fifty-eight members of the King City Senior Citizens group sat down to a Christmas Dinner prepared for them by the UCW at 6 pm December 14. Guests of honor were the local ministers, who had been instrumental in organizing the group, and master of ceremonies was William Burlison. After a short program of carol singing led by Mrs. William Burlison on the piano, and skits by some of the talented members of the club, Santa appeared bearing gifts for all.

Neighborhood Notes
Brian and Margaret East attended a Bahai Faith Conference held in Barrie on the weekend of December 11 and 12.

Our sympathy is extended to Jane Busby on the recent death of her father in Moncton, N.B. The North York Pony Club held a dinner meeting at All Saints December 11, with a showing of old films (Laurel and Hardy types) as part of the entertainment.

Late Church News
The December meeting of the May Carson Unit was held at Mrs. Jessie White's home on Keele Street with 18 ladies present. There was a short business meeting with Unit Leader Mrs. Edna Gellatly, presenting the new slate of officers as follows: Unit Leader Mrs. Jessie White, Secretary, Treasurer Mrs. Vi Smith, Social Convener Mrs. Arlene Cliff, Program Mrs. Mary Scott and Mrs. Thelma McPhee.

Guest speaker for this meeting was Marion Gillie from Elobicoke. Mrs. Gillie and her family were on exchange teaching in Bristol, England. They travelled extensively while there, and one of their trips was to the Scandinavian countries. It was this trip that she spoke about, and showed slides of the interesting places that they visited with beautiful scenery.

Mrs. Doris Neufeld served a delicious lunch, assisted by the hostess.

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL IN KING TOWNSHIP.

Before leaving, John was guest at a "ding dong party" given by his friends from the Bell, and then enjoyed a surprise farewell party on December 11 at home given by his parents, Arnold and Rene Bamford. This is the first Christmas that John has not been home for dinner, and Rene is already feeling a gap in the family circle. We join others in wishing John a safe and exciting journey, and look forward to welcoming him home in six months or so.

Oak Ridges - Lake Wilcox

School News
Wednesday night, December 15, the Oak Ridges Public School conducted a Yuletide festival evening. Children from all grades participated in the program which consisted of a variety of activities including original creative plays, choral readings and choir singing.

Grades 1 to 6 presented Christmas Art Work, murals and props and the kindergarten class decorated the beautiful big Christmas tree which was generously donated by Oak Ridges Lions. Music Teacher Terry MacCleave directed the primary choir and Mrs. Wanda Moore led the junior choir. Piano accompaniment was given by Mrs. Terry Windsor. Two hundred and seventy-five pupils took part in the festival and more than 600 parents and friends attended.

Principal Ed Burlew expressed Christmas & 1972 New Year greetings on behalf of the board of education and the staff. Members of the staff expressed pleasure at the success of the Yuletide Festival which represents a co-operative team effort on the part of the pupils, staff and principal. Parents expressed a very favorable reaction to the progress.

Principal, staff and students of Our Lady of the Annunciation Separate School, send Christmas Greetings to all in the words "May your Christmas be blessed with joy and the New Year bring you peace and happiness." Part IV was very well performed with about 100 young voices singing in The Bleak Mid-Winter; We All Pull The Load, a folk song by Billy Graham; and The Big Pipe Carol; by Patton Campus, grades 5 and 6.

Christians have an expectation: We are trying to build the world after the pattern Jesus suggested; we are trying to establish the Kingdom of God that he inaugurated and we are doing it in the belief that God is always present, ready to help, to reward, to turn his people back to the right road.

Jesus told us the Kingdom happens through our love for each other under God. And so brotherhood and Christian hope fit very closely together; we hope that God will make his love live in our lives and in our world.

The beautiful custom of gift-giving is a very Christian expression of the meaning of the season. And somehow the Christmas Mass seems to give the feeling of our togetherness and his presence better than in the whole year.

Wouldn't it be great if the Christmas spirit could last all year? Let us hope.

Christmas Lights
Many of the homes in this area are beautifully decorated for the Christmas season. It is worth taking an hour or two in the evening to take your family on a drive to admire the artistic creations which are the result of many hours of hard work and imagination.

One of the many people in this area who have decorated their homes with lights will be happily surprised when chosen to receive a prize provided by Richmond Hill Hydro. Although that body does not yet control hydro in our area, it has decided to offer this prize to make us feel a part of the Town of Richmond Hill, where a similar contest has been conducted for several years.

Ward 5 Councillor Stewart Bell was asked to serve as one of the judges, and he selected the other local person to serve with him.

Christmas Tree Sale
Again this year the Oak Ridges Lions are having their annual sale of Christmas Trees at the Ridge Inn, next to the Oak Ridges Post Office. Proceeds from the sale of these trees is used to provide Christmas baskets for area families and to support other projects for the benefit of the community.

At the Ward 5 meeting held at Lake Wilcox Public School November 24, Ken Blyth announced that the Lions are planning to plant trees and develop some of the 10-acre site of the proposed new arena. So, if you haven't bought your tree yet, please remember that if you buy it from the Lions you help your community.

Parking facilities are available beside the Ridge Inn. Trees are selling for \$3 and \$4.

Water Problems
Anyone curious as to why the water was shut off in some areas of Oak Ridges recently, the Town of Richmond Hill Waterworks Department informed me they are trying to eliminate the unpleasant odor in the water. They feel the purification plant is doing its part but believe the problem to be in the lines. The system they are using now to try to clean out the mains is to shut off the water, insert a sponge disc, then use the force of the water to force the disc and any sludge and dirt along the main and out.

The town seems to be doing as much as is financially and feasibly possible to improve the water in our area. I feel the waterworks department should be commended on the effort they are putting forward to correcting the water situation here since they took over responsibility in January of this year.

Los Angeles, Mr. and Mrs. Ryman flew to Las Vegas, Nevada, then returned to Toronto by air. Watch night service will be held at Gormley Missionary Church from 10 pm until midnight December 31. This will be a variety program with singing, etc. and will be concluded with the final communion service of the year.

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Church News
Sunday, December 12, was White Gift Sunday, and the gifts presented will go to Rev. Earl Stotesbury, to assist in his work on the Saugeen River Indian Reserve near Southampton.

Neighborhood Notes
Our best wishes for a happy holiday season to Mr. and Mrs. Alex Gallacher Junior. Mr. Gallacher was discharged from hospital this week after a three-month stay.

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